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1. [] officials of the Chinese Communist Government's Finance and Economics Committee; the People's Bank; and the industry, agriculture, water conservation, culture and education, civil affairs, and public security departments of southwestern Szechwan made a survey of the region's industrial potential. Eastern Szechwan was considered unsuitable for further industrial development because the numerous factories and mines in the area had already overtaxed the available supply of power and raw materials; southern and western Szechwan, however, were considered suitable for development because of better facilities for transporting raw materials and the lack of natural barriers to land development.

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2. As a result of the survey, the Chinese Communist Central Government authorized a program of construction and industrial development for southwestern Szechwan. The development area extended from the Ch'engtzu-Chungking Railway in the east to the Min River in the west. The important centers were Ch'engtzu, Neichiang (N 29-35, E 105-03), Luhsien (N 28-53, E 105-23), Ipin (N 28-46, E 104-34), Loshan (N 29-34, E 103-44), Kuanghsien (N 31-00, E 103-37), Shuangliu (N 30-35, E 103-56), and Huayang (N 30-40, E 104-04).

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3. [] fifteen new factories, including power, cement, and locomotive plants, were near completion at Ch'engtzu, Shuangliu, and Huayang. A hydroelectric plant had been built at Lungch'i (N 31-02, E 103-32), and a cement factory at Chiahua (0857/5478) in Loshan was almost completed. [] construction was scheduled to begin on food, paper, rubber, medical supply, and tanning factories.

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1. [] Comment. The opening of this railway had improved communications in southwestern Szechuan.

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